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JSW:

1. For your information. The House yesterday passed H. Res. 124 which authorizes Armed Services Committee to investigate matters under its jurisdiction.

2. Rules Committee prevailed by requiring an amendment that "the committee shall not undertake any investigation of any subject which is being investigated by any other committee of the House."

3. Mr. Colmer explained this amendment on the basis of the Rules Committee "desire to have a uniform procedure and to have treatment of committees as nearly equal as possible."

4. Chairman Rivers indicated that the committee would try to live with the intention of the amendment, but "in our opinion this is not a wise thing but I do not want to get into a fight with the new chairman of the Rules Committee the first crack out of the box." Rivers also indicated "exclusive jurisdiction over CIA" and Mr. Colmer and Mr. Latta of Rules stated that if Rivers runs into any kind of trouble because the price of obtaining uniformity in this matter ^{is too high} then Mr. Rivers should come back to Rules and Rules would modify the resolution.

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